AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS DEVELOP COURSE IN OPERATION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT

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OUT OF the classroom into the field to get "hands-on" training in the operation of heavy equipment is the result of a vocational course developed at Porterville high school by Agricultural Instructor Ray Kennedy and Verl Jett, with photos, from top, showing: Student David Brown getting technical advice from an "old pro" at the game, Riley Busby; Kennedy, center, explains techniques to Students Tim Johnson, Greg Meister, Joe Brown and Mike Johnson; Student Jason Faure handling a D-8 Caterpillar with a paddle scraper attached, as Kennedy watches; Student Rhett Mason takes a "solo flight" on a 650-horsepower D-9G with a 21-yard carry-all behind; Kennedy checks equipment operation time with Students Gilbert Beltran, Tyler Martinez and an unidentified employee of Meyer's Land Leveling company, owner of the equipment in rear, driven by Faure and Mason. (Porterville Schools photos)

Kennedy, Jett, Howard Are Helped By Owners In "Hands-On" Field Instruction

By Arlan Shaffer

PORTERVILLE — At least three Porterville High school seniors will be stepping immediately into good-paying, rewarding careers following graduation this June as the result of a unique four-week mini-course in heavy equipment operation

The course is considered to be unparalleled anywhere in California, employing equipment valued at well over half a million dollars - and at practically no cost to the taxpayer.

Called simply "Heavy Equipment" in the PHS course description booklet, it is the brainchild of agriculture instructors, Ray Kennedy and Verl Jett, and assistant superintendent of secondary education, Don Howard.

Their formula for success is simple - that of borrowing land leveling and grading equipment from cooperative dealers in the area, getting technical advice from professional operators, and literally putting the students in the drivers seat.

"Without the interest and efforts of several of our local and Tulare county equipment dealers the course would go nowhere," says Kennedy. "One hour in the drivers seat of a D-9 cat is worth ten hours of classroom lecture."

Beginning with an enrollment of 46 at the first of the year, Kennedy and Jett gave instruction in the operation of sprayers, tillers, cotton pickers, tree toppers, back hoes, skip

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BARBERSHOP GROUPS TO PRESENT "SOUTHERN MEMORIES" AT CONCERT



PORTERVILLE — Quartets, choruses and specialty groups will perform in a concert of Barbershop singing set for the Porterville Memorial auditorium the evening of March 8 under sponsorship of the Mineral King chorus of Porterville. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

One of the featured groups, shown above, will be The Quaking Aspens, from left: Ralph Tritch, bass; Dick Eckhoff, baritone; Harold Gisvold, lead; and Leroy Overholt, tenor.

Featured also will be the Golden Empire chorus from Bakersfield; The Front Row, and The Marriage Go Round. Theme for the show-the second annual presented by the Porterville-based Mineral King chorus - is "Southern Memories."

Tickets for the show are available at California Federal Savings and Loan, at Williams Jewelers, and from members of the chorus for \$2.00, balcony; \$3.50 reserved; and \$6.00, reserved seats and "afterglow."

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

We Only Heard

About 65 people - most of them associated with Porterville School districts - attended a "Mee't The Candidates" night at Monache campus center Tuesday night, candidates being the four men and two women running for the high school board and the two women and one man running for the elementary school board.

After statements by the candidates and some legitimate questions, the meeting deteriorated into a disappointing "statements from the floor" session, with Larry Russ, a member of the Porterville High School faculty leading the way with an out-of-place harangue concerning the plight of

Porterville teachers, salary-wise.

As for the candidates, several mentioned they were for "quality education" but none got around to defining the term.

Ted Cornell, incumbent high school board chairman, said the purpose behind school facilities, staff, faculty, and board members is to educate students, to give them skills to enter society as useful citizens. He said duties of a school board member involve setting district policy, working as an "umpire" to divide available funds on a basis of best information available as to need, and to act as a liaison between people of the district, students, and faculty. "The people do have a major say in what is going to take place," Cornell said.

Gordon Todd, incumbent board member, said he had been on the board during the period of rebuilding the Porterville campus, the building of Monache high school and the creation of the Citrus high

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ECONOMIST TO SPEAK AT CITRUS CLUB

EXETER — Dr. Eric Thor, noted agricultural economist at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak tomorrow (Friday) at a Citrus Men's club noon luncheon

in the Exeter Memorial building. Interested persons are invited to attend; no reservations are necessary.

Dr. Thor will discuss the economic outlook for major a gricultural products - in-



Dr. Eric Thor

cluding citrus - in world trade during 1975, and the effect on the economy of the San Joaquin

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Vandalia Plans 6th Beef Event

VANDALIA — Sixth annual Vandalia 4-H beef field day has been scheduled for the Porterville fair grounds March 8, with events to start at 9:30 a.m. Both FFA and 4-H judging teams are invited to compete.

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PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE

PORTERVILLE — Another Neil Simon comedy will open Friday night at the Porterville Barn theater - "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," directed by John Holden. In the cast are: Richard Natzke, Carollyn Rutherford, Gary Garlund, Esther Bradley, Terry Anne Bergfalk, and Inga Hanson. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.; the show plays also March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15; reservations can be made at 539-2639 or 784-5207 after 4 p.m. Champagne gala follows the opening night performance.

CAL/OSHA SEMINAR

A four-day, Voluntary Compliance Cal/Osha seminar opens Monday morning at the Paul Bunyan, conducted without charge by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council. Full information can be obtained at the office of the Porterville chamber of commerce, sponsor of the seminar.

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AN ATOM ANALOGY

Some pretty persuasive people are peddling fears over the danger of nuclear plant accidents in an effort to slow or stop the nation's much-needed nuclear power production program. Comes now an interesting riposte from an expert.

A nuclear reactor safety researcher at Argonne National Laboratory southwest of Chicago, Jan B. Van Erp, draws an analogy, as it were, between a nuclear

plant and a garage.

Starting with the fact that a gallon of gasoline has the potential explosive force of three sticks of dynamite. Van Erp is quoted by the Chicago Tribune as saying he can "prove" that an explosion of gasoline in fuel tanks of thousands of cars parked in the city's Grant Park underground garage could destroy a substantial part of downtown Chicago.

Van Erp adds quickly, and to the point, that his calculations are based on the "improbable assumption' that an explosion in one gas tank would touch off a chain reaction of all the other gas tanks in the garage. But therein lies his analogy with the doomsaying of nuclear

power foes. The safety researcher believes that those critics use the same sort of improbable assumptions in leaping to some of their dire conclusions about the dangers of nuclear power. "It is completely out of context." he says.

No question that nuclear power is at a crossroads. The more important, therefore, that public attacks on it avoid unnecessarily "improbable assumptions".

MORE OIL DELAY

One of the vital sections of President Ford's program for meeting the energy crisis is the acceleration of offshore oil production.

Although there are environmental concerns involved, the general trend in thinking favors this move. A tremendous amount of research into drilling methods and controls has eased many of the fears of pollution, certainly in view of the nation's critical need for new petroleum sources.

According to reports from Washington, however, new barricades are being raised against any such move...now...by governors of states along our eastern and western coastlines.

Let's wait and study, they say.

To assure the delay, they are lobbying for a law that would slow down offshore leasing by the ponderous process of creating a Federal Exploration Authority. The FEA, it is indicated, would permit leasing only after oil has been found

The new agency, of course, would have to make studies and plow through all the other bureaucratic procedures, which, it is said in defense of the delay, would provide time for coastal states to study and plan for whatever impact the offshore drilling might have on whatever it is they feel is locally sacrosanct.

As for oil as soon as possible, go play in some other front yard.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

Edmund W. Littlefield. S.F. industrial exec. — "More has been accomplished in the last 60 years than in any comparable period in history... Certainly what is done is not done by fatalists, cynics, or hedonists. It is done by men and women compassionately concerned, talented and

trained, honest in their assessment of the facts, realistic in the solutions they advocate, resolute in their determination to do the job.

Jenny Simpson, Glendale, on foreign aid - "Has history taught us nothing? Money does not buy friends, but only supports enemies.



this california

By MIKE ABRAMSON

State wildlife experts have once again shown that resource management is ahead of the game when left in the hands of professionals rather than politicians or amateur naturalists.

There seems to be something special about man and animals which triggers the highest emotions when the animals' "welfare" is debated in human forums.

Unfortunately perhaps for the variety of critters which roam the earth, man does dominate the scene, so it depends upon the point of view of the individual what the "welfare" of the animal might really be.

In the case at hand the subject beast is the California mountain lion, a reclusive cat probably never seen even by the average outdoorsman except on a TV commercial or in

Like so many other creatures once feared by man, especially when people lived closer to the land than they do today, mountain lions are no longer classified as enemies by many other than the occasional rancher whose sheep or cattle are taken by the big cats.

So-called "chicken" hawks, which really meant any raptorial bird including eagles, used to be shot on sight until the biologists determined that their predation indeed offered more benefits than harm to mankind. Bears. wolves and a variety of other animals also have gained respectability as the scientists have come to know more

With the knowledge they have gained, scientists and wildlife professionals largely believe that there should be no more extinct species and that endangered and threatened wildlife varieties can be preserved.

The real key to preservation, though, is management, and that's where the politi-cians and amateurs often muddy the waters.

In the instance of the mountain lion, the 1971 legislature, after an outcry by wildlife preservationist groups - ordered a moratorium on lion hunting in California. Bounty hunting had been repealed nearly a decade earlier.

But the hiatus mandated by the lawmakers came when preservationist forces which basically oppose hunting in any form charged that only about 600 lions were left in the state. Their action came despite the game managers' claim that the state's lion population was in no way endangered.

The legislature said "prove it" and threw on the ban.

Now, in a detailed report to the legislature, the Department of Fish and Game estimates there are at least 2,400 lions in the state and that a fully viable population is actually increasing. Their report follows a major study which included trapping and observing lions to verify earlier estimates.

But the barbershop biologists and the politicians who'd rather listen to the amateurs than the pros aren't likely to pay much attention. This time the evidence will all be in when the lawmakers look again at lion management and it will be intriguing to see which way they decide to play the game.

Inflation Key

'I do not want a 1975 model car designed by Congress. I would rather use my 1972 model for a few more years, and I think I have a great deal of company around the country.

In those words David Packard, chairman of Hewlett-Packard Co. of Palo Alto and former deputy Defense Secretary, illustrated to a group of key federal financial managers what he feels is a prime cause of the nation's economic difficulties...unsound, inconsistent requirements imposed by the government on business and indus-

Granting that many of these are "no doubt inspired by lofty ideas", Packard cited legislation relating to automobile performance, air and water quality, occupational safety and business record keeping as areas in which many government regula-

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tions have added substantially to costs without improving productivity or efficiency.

Instead, he said, they "are driving costs and prices up (and) are driving the customers out of the market.

The answer? Packard believes that the only way we can control inflation "is to improve productivity, to produce more and better products and services for every dollar we spend on wages and salaries, whether it is a tax dollar or a private dollar.

That's not going to be easy, but certainly it is essential to any fiscal policy.



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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS

SAN FRANCISCO - The ratio of physicians to population continues to improve in California, but the doctor shortage in rural areas remains

Those are the major findings in California Medical association's latest survey of the state's physician supply, as reported in the current issue of CMA's Socioeconomic report.

Latest (1973 yearend) figures show there are 38,749 active, non-federal physicians in the state, or 185.9 doctors for every 100,000 Californians.

The ratios predictably are highest in major urban areas. San Francisco is far in front, with 530.9 doctors for each 100,000 population.

Also bettering the state ratio are six metropolitan and near-metropolitan counties: Marin. 309.5 doctors per 100,000 population; Napa, 252.6; Yolo, 235.5; Santa Clara, 214.6; Los Angeles 206.7; and Alameda, 191.6. Medical schools tend to inflate their counties' ratios somewhat, the report observed.

And the ratios predictably are lowest in rural areas. Tiny Alpine county, population 650, has no doctor. Eight other rural counties have physician-population ratios less than half the state average.

DUCKS

SACRAMENTO - California duck population has declined seven percent from last year, but is 25 percent above the 21-year average, according to results from recent annual winter waterfowl survey.

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loaders, and visited packing
houses before beginning the
mini-course on heavy
equipment, which includes
instruction in the use of
bulldozers, land planes, carryalls,
and graders.

"Each of these pieces of equipment can easily cost \$150,000," Jett comments, "and there's no way a school district could come up with that kind of money to purchase training equipment. We're very much in the debt of these equipment dealers who loaned us the machinery on the spot when we told them what we wanted to do with it."

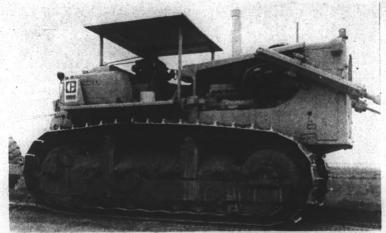
By the time the students had completed the other mini-courses and were ready for Heavy Equipment, class enrollment was lowered to 39. All of the in-the-field training done locally takes place on an undeveloped strip of school-owned property near Freeway 65 north of Porterville.

From these 39 students, eight were selected for a special three-day field trip to the open stretches of Helm, California for "Hands-on" training, as it is called, operating some of the biggest and most powerful equipment in use today.

Helm is located about 75 miles north and east of Porterville, consisting mostly of a grain elevator, cotton gin, nitrogen plant, and one or two roadside businesses. Helm is surrounded by thousands of acres of, so far, fallow land except that Producers Farming Corporation of Los Angeles has purchased much of the land and will eventually put it into grapes.

Fresno-based land leveler Joe Meyer has had his men and equipment on these acres for nearly seven years of surveying, leveling, and grading - and says he expects there will be at least another three years of work before completion.

Howard, Jett, and Kennedy met Meyer in 1974 at a California Association of Land Levelers meeting, told him about



WHEELING AROUND the field on a D-9G Push Cat is Student Mike Johnson, as he gains practical work experience as part of his training in a course in heavy equipment operation at Porterville high school.

(Porterville Schools photos)

the vocational program at Porterville, and received an invitation to use Meyer's men and equipment for training purposes.

The eight students, beginning work at 7:00 a.m. and quitting at 5:00 each day for the three days in January, were nothing if not enthusiastic about this type of on-the-job training.

"The responsibility and long hours of hard work and training seemed to have a maturing effect on all of the boys," Kennedy observed.

"Their attention to detail and eagerness to learn was very gratifying for all of us. It was their interest that made it all worthwhile."

As one student commented, "With 650 horsepower, 16 levers, and 150 things to remember we just didn't have time to make fun of each other's mistakes." Meyers was impressed with the students' determination and skills, and will hold three job slots open until graduation in June.

Good, dependable heavy equipment operators are hard to find, he says, and the remaining students should have no trouble finding related jobs beginning anywhere from five to eleven dollars an hour if they choose this vocation.

Whether or not Kennedy and Jett will take another group of

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students to Helm next year is still undecided, but Meyer has extended an open invitation to Porterville schools for this purpose. If they do return, it is conceivable that this year's students will be next year's in-field instructors at Helm.

in-field instructors at Helm.

Meanwhile, Kennedy and Jett
will continue the series of
mini-courses in various types of
equipment, timing the courses
with whatever is seasonal. Plans
for this spring and summer
include courses in fork lift
operation, irrigation, swathers,
balers, cubers, and grain
harvesters

Although only in its third year of operation in Porterville, the mini-course concept has all the appearances of pointing in the right direction.

As Jett and Kennedy concur, "We teach safety first, develop the right attitudes in the students toward the work, and we try to concentrate on the things that are a must to do the job and to hold it. We try to eliminate the things that are just nice to know."

"We'll be making changes from year to year," adds Howard, "but it looks as though this is the course to follow as an alternative for students who want to make an excellent living wage without spending another two or four years in college."

FLORIDA BLUEGILLS TO CALIFORNIA

BAKERSFIELD — The California Fish and Game commission has approved a request by the Department of Fish and Game to introduce the Florida strain of bluegill into California waters. Importing the Florida strain may help improve growth characteristics of bluegill, the principal warmwater

gamefish available to California anglers during the summer, and solve the problem of deteriorating bluegill fisheries in waters with largemouth bass and thread fin shad. All bluegill now present in California waters are descendents of a northern strain of fish introduced from Illinois in the 1890s.

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"Turning Point" Offers Help With **Drug Problems**

VISALIA — Turning Point, a community-based program offering help for individuals with drug problems, has recently opened a women's residential center in Visalia for young girls who want to seek out and find a new way of living. Turning Point's residential center for women offers a supportive family-like setting which focuses on Christian living, individual counseling, and educational and

vocational training.

In addition to the live-in facility, Turning Point provides young men and women with drug problems a 24 hour hot-line service, individual walk-in counseling, and professional family counseling.

Individuals wishing additional information or knowing someone needing help in this area are encouraged to contact the Turning Point staff in person at 1845 South Court street in Visalia or by phone at 732-8086.

Treatment for alfalfa weevil is underway in some desert areas.

Monache Students Entered In Bank's Awards Program

PORTERVILLE - Bank of America's 1975 Achievement Awards program, now heading into its opening round, will have four seniors from Monache High school competing for cash awards ranging up to \$1,000.

The top-ranking students and their study fields are: Linda Della, fine arts; Janet Martin, liberal arts; Wilbur Craig, science and mathematics; and Neal

Weisenberger, vocational arts. In addition, 12 other seniors

received certificates of merit for superior performance in specific study fields. They are: Dennis Muthwill, art; Richard Lindroos, drama; David Watson, music; Walter Whelan, English; Adelina Guzman, foreign language; Juli Peterson, social studies; Jeffrey Robinson, laboratory science; Mark Troeller, mathematics; Steven Ladrigan, agriculture; Kathleen Wilson, business; Sandra White, home economics; and David Walker, trades and industrial.

The four winning seniors who receive personally engraved plaques will compete with winning seniors from neighboring high schools at a zone event in mid-March.

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MILK ORDER

SACRAMENTO - State Agriculture Director Tim Wallace announced that the future of the Marketing Order for Manufacturing Milk and Dairy Products in California will be considered at a Sacramento public hearing on March 12. The hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Veterans Affairs Building auditorium, 1227 O street.

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GLANDLESS COTTON BEING TESTED FOR USE OF SEED IN HUMAN FOODS

cotton will be tested in the San Joaquin valley this year with the view of potential greater earnings to growers through sale of its seed as an additive in human foods.

The Continuous Cotton Variety Testing committee. (CCVTC) at its annual meeting in Fresno, voted to add the cotton, G-8160, to seven other cottons entered in its 1975 varietal trials. At the mandate of the California legislature, CCVTC has responsibility for testing cottons with favorable production in the San Joaquin

Seed from present glanded cotton varieties is not suited for inclusion in human foods and. some animal feeds because of a gossypol content which makes them unpalatable. G-8160 was developed at the USDA cotton research station at Shafter to take advantage of the expanding, profitable market for vegetable protein concentrates.

Dr. H.B. Cooper, director of the Shafter station, said inclusion in the varietal testing program would be helpful in analyzing the potential for the new cotton. In addition, he

be conducted this season in cooperation with cottonseed crushers in the area and the California Planting Cotton Seed Distributors.

G-8160 is an Acala cotton with a fiber yield comparable to SJ-1, a parent variety used by Dr. Angus Hyer in developing the strain.

The variety tests will be conducted at eight or nine locations in the valley cotton belt. In addition, screening tests will be placed at three locations to gather data on experimental cotton varieties submitted by breeders throughout the nation. Other cottons in the varietal trials will be SJ-2 and SJ-3, both grown commercially in the

valley currently; T-4852, which it is hoped will be approved for 1975 planting in wilt areas of the valley; Acala T-5690, Coker 310, Delta Pine 61 and Stoneville 213. Four national standards varieties will be tested separately.

The committee approved expenditure of \$5,000 in the next season for spinning laboratory analysis of the cottons being tested.

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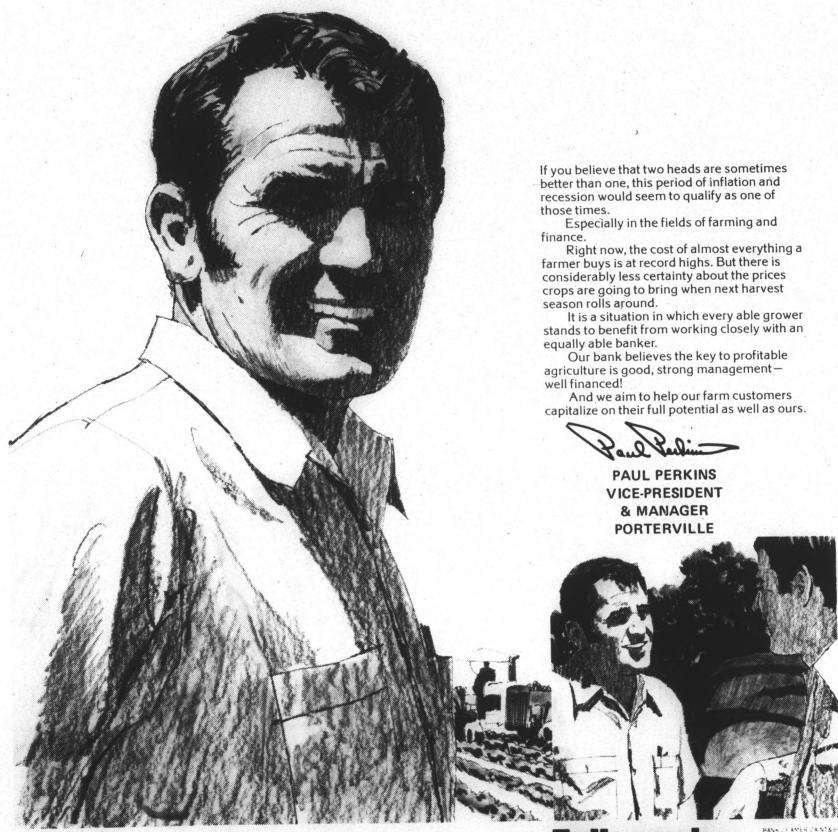
VISALIA - Lupe Ruiz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ruiz, of Porterville, has entered active duty with the U.S. Air Force under a guaranteed job program as a security specialist. Ruiz is a 1973 graduate of Monache high school.

WILDLIFE WEEK

SACRAMENTO - "We Care About Wildlife Habitat" is the theme for 38th annual National Wildlife week, to be observed March 16-22, and sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation.

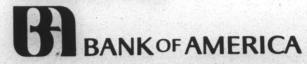
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BORN YESTERDAY, the timeless comedy of the 1940s, will be presented by the Porterville High School Drama department tonight, tomorrow and Saturday on the Porterville Memorial auditorium stage, under the direction of Dr. Leonard D. Godwin. In photos, from top: Cameron Hamilton and Sue Holloway; and Sue Holloway with Alan Litsey. Others in the cast include: Kris Lynch, Jack Keels, and Bruce Balcombe. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.; tickets at the box office are \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents from students.

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Candidates

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school program. He said he was interested in athletic programs; that he was proud of the vocational agriculture program; that he has tried to be fair with all people; and has tried to 'make the best better.'

Sandra Shannon said she is asking for an opportunity to serve on the school board because she has a sincere desire for quality education. She said she would rely on facts, would grow in knowledge and would not be a "rubber stamp vote for the administration." She said her first priority was quality in administrative staff, faculty and education program; her second priority, buildings. She said she would invest available money wisely, would listen to all sides of questions, would be honest and fair with all people. She said she is acquainted with community thinking, she has children of her own and has worked with children, she is a taxpayer, and that she could serve without conflict of interest. "There is need for a change on the high school board," she said.

Mary Dougherty said she has worked both as an employee and as an employer so has an appreciation of both points of view. She said there is a need for more state money and more local control but "we are getting just the opposite." She said a "good balance" should be maintained between teachers, equipment and operating procedures; that ways should be sought to improve communications; that good

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discipline must be enforced on campus but that students must also be given a chance at self-discipline. She said she would work hard to serve all students in the Porterville district.

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Henry Espinoza emphasized quality instruction and said that he would "Work for students." (Note to Henry: You probably said other things but the way you use a mike we could not understand you.)

Marvin Cook said that on the basis of talks with seniors and graduates more counselors should be made available. He said high school students should be equipped to go out and get a job after graduation, not just prepared to go on to college. He emphasized that if the state legislature mandates school programs, funds should be provided to finance the program. "If legislators tells us how to run our schools, they must give us the money to foot the bill," he said.

Concerning the Porterville elementary board race, Incumbent Barbara Job said she is running for reelection because she cares about education; that she believes elementary education determines future attitudes and learning ability of students. She said she has worked toward better communication with parents through the community goals program and that she will continue to work to improve communications, and toward quality education.

Incumbent Priscilla Sanborn said she has worked for the best education possible with funds available. She urged quick

- Saturday, March 1st











CONTESTING IN next Tuesday's school boards' election are, from top left: Ted Cornell and Gordon Todd, incumbents seeking reelection to the Porterville Union High School District board; and Barbara Job and Priscilla Sanborn, incumbents running for the elementary school board. Lower: seeking high school board seats -Sandra Shannon, Henry Espinoza, Mary Dougherty, and Marvin Cook; seeking an elementary board seat, Kenneth Armstrong. Two (Farm Tribune photos) vacancies exist on each school board.

compliance with court decisions to change state-wide school financing to provide "equal education for all students." She says she has always been and will remain accessible to all parents and teachers.

Kenneth Armstrong, candidate for elementary school board, said he would listen to "what the people have to say." He said he is running because people of his age have complaints about the school system. "I will listen and talk to everyone," he said. "It's a team effort, I care, I will respect the views of people I represent."

On whether or not they favor collective bargaining for teachers (as the question was asked, it included all public employees but answers appeared to involve only teachers) Cornell, Job, Todd and Sanborn said "No;" Espinoza, Armstrong and Cook said "Yes;" Shannon did not commit herself.

The school elections - Next Tuesday, March 4.

Our comment - We do not need students, or more teachers and public employees on our

FIRST ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR FIVE-COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS

MODESTO - First entries in the annual District 9 dairy princess contest of the California Milk Advisory board, representing the counties of Kern, Kings, Inyo, Mono and Tulare, have been received by the Modesto based dairy farmer

promotional group. Sheri Draxler, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Draxler, Hanford, a senior at Hanford High school, and Loretta Curti, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Curti, Waukena, are the first entries. Miss Curti will graduate in June from Tulare Western High school.

Twelve entries will be accepted in the District 9 contest, to be held Friday, April 18, at the TDES Hall, Tulare. The district winner will compete in June in Fresno, for the California Dairy Princess title against eleven other district

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Terrilee Godinho, Lemoore, is reigning district dairy princess.

NAVY SEALS, HOCKEY SEALS, EASTER SEALS

SAN FRANCISCO - Navy Seals, hockey Seals, and Easter Seals are combining forces to raise funds for disabled children and adults throughout California.

Beginning March 1, at Seal Beach near Los Angeles, a team of elite frogmen, the Navy Seals, will begin a 9-day 500-mile marathon run to carry a hockey puck to the Oakland Coliseum Arena, arriving just prior to the March 9 game between the California Golden Seals and the N.Y. Islanders. Local Easter Seal Societies throughout the state will seek pledged donations starting with a penny a mile for the entire 500 mile route.

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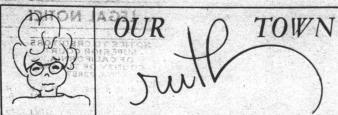
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I wonder if ALAN HAMMOND would let me borrow one of his Percherons. We could go bounding over the hills. Jumping streams and stuff like that. Now, isn't that a picture?

ELIZABETH DOBSON enjoyed the book, All Creatures Great and Small, as much as I did. The next book, All Things Bright and Beautiful, is just as delightful. I'm always a little leary about reading a sequel, but I wasn't disappointed this time. I'm certainly going to miss Gibson's Book Store.

To OUR friends from out of town. The Porter Theatre is being remodeled. They are making it into three theatres. Now, we can see some of the great movies without having all the noise and running up and down the aisles, and the smart cracks. We can even hear the dialogue.

GENE QUIRAM brought me three pencils. New pencils, and all different colors. How sweet.

I didn't know PAT SANBORN'S name was PRISCILLA. She and BARBARA JOB are running for the school board. I can't think of two better people for the job. They are not only smart, they are both beautiful, and that certainly helps.

Friends keep calling and asking if we have tried The Agronaut Mine in Visalia. They say it is expensive, but delicious. The decor, from the outside, looks interesting. I wonder how much lobster is there. I know,

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Isn't it great to have unexpected company arrive, just after you have cleaned your house to the nth degree. Windows all sparkling, everything shining and spick and span. This happened to me last week, and I've been basking in its glory ever since. Now if the weeds would just slow up a little bit, I could get the back yard in some kind of order. I never seem to catch up.

Happiness is Spring just around the corner.

Citrus Pest **Control Meet**

VISALIA - Citrus Pest Control meeting gets underway this morning (Thursday) at 9 a.m. in the Exeter Memorial auditorium, with program featuring Dr. Glenn Carman and Dr. William Ewart, department of entomology, U.C. Riverside; Don Avis, Sunkist entomologist; and county farm advisors. The same program will be repeated this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Farm Advisor's office in Bakersfield, 2610 M street.

REPORT FROM COLLEGE HEAD

BAKERSFIELD - Orlin Shires, president of Porterville college, reported at recent meeting of the Kern Community College board that daily average enrollment will be about 2,064 this semester, up 15 percent over predictions; that air conditioning systems have been completed in campus buildings; and that Fred S. Macomber has been awarded a \$322,577 bid for a swimming pool complex on the campus.

California stock of fall potatoes on hand as of February 1 totaled 2,300,000 cwt., up 300,000 cwt from a year earlier.

FARM FRONT

VISALIA - From the office of Agricultural Commissioner Clyde R. Churchill:

Recent rains have been beneficial to all small grains; herbicides for broadleaf weed control now being applied.

Land preparation for cotton and other field crops delayed by wet weather; some alfalfa fields still being sheeped off; early-planted sugar beets showing good growth.

Almonds coming into bloom; buds swelling on early-variety plums; some dormant spraying is still being done, primarily in

Navel oranges continue to move at a steady pace with good fruit quality; some lemons and Minneola tangelos also moving to market.

Tomatoes are being planted under hot caps with some damage reported from cold night weather; some leafy vegetables still moving to market.

Foothill range grasses are now showing good growth.

Desert peaches are in bloom in Riverside county.

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Projects related to the environment are expensive, too, and in 1974 will account for about 20% of our capital expenditures. In the past six years, \$325 million were required to be spent for such projects. It looks like we will have to spend another \$450 million for environmental purposes within the next four-year period.

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VISALIA CITY, COUNTY LIBRARY TIE-IN APPROVED BY GRAND JURY

VISALIA - The Administration committee of the Tulare County Grand Jury has reported to the full jury that the joint Library agreement between the County and the City of Visalia is in order and requested that the Grand Jury endorse the merge of the facilities. The Grand Jury, in regular session, voted to accept the report and complied with the recommendation.

After a number of meetings with those involved, the Administration committee determined that the proposed site was the most economical of those considered. The City of Visalia has agreed to develop parking with revenue sharing monies. The city will also provide maintenance for the grounds and parking area.

Since there is a difference between the Visalia Library tax rate and the County Library tax rate, Visalia has agreed to make up the difference over a period of three years, by which time the anticipated growth of Visalia will create additional tax base to offset that difference. The county will operate the combined Libraries.

Substantial savings, the grand jury report says, will be made by the consolidation in buying and coding; and the number of employees required to operate the new facility will be considerably less, therefore effecting an even greater economy. In addition the move will clear approximately 8,500 square feet of needed area in the courthouse. It was pointed out that the City of Visalia had agreed to the joint effort.

Keith Munger, Grand Jury foreman, stated that the Administration committee investigated the arrangement after several complaints were received by the Grand Jury.

NEW OFFICERS

TERRA BELLA - New officers of the Terra Bella chamber of commerce installed during a dinner meeting at Don's Hillside Inn, are: Dr. Robbin MacDonald, president; Phyllis Young, vice president; and James Harrison, secretarytreasurer.



THIRD GRADE class of Miss Helene Martin at Westfield school recently received a surprise package from President Gerald Ford in response to an invitation extended by the class for Ford to visit their school. Besides sending the traditional color photo of himself and the White House, the President included a personal letter to the students which said, in part: ...while my schedule usually does not permit me the pleasure of accepting personal invitations,

your kindness in thinking of me in this way is deeply appreciated. Your friendship means very much to me and I send my warm best wishes to you for the years ahead." Ford also sent several pages of commonly asked questions and answers about himself, his family, and the presidential duties. Displaying some of these materials are, from left: Mark Davis, class president; Rosa Martinez, vice president; Bruce Tanimoto; Abel Contreras; and Teresa Sue.

Total Use Of Kings And Sequoia National Parks Gains In 1974

THREE RIVERS - There were 1,911,340 visits to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National parks last year, a 9% increase over 1973, largely due to the 1,224,390 visits to Kings canyon, which posted a 31% gain in use. Travel to Sequoia decreased 19% with 686,950

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TERESA MILLS TO RETIRE

PORTERVILLE - Mrs. Teresa Mills has announced her intention to retire from teaching effective in June, ending a 36-year career spent for the most part in Tulare County schools. Mrs. Mills has taught English at Porterville and Monache High Schools since 1961; she is a native of Porterville; she is married to Don Mills, who retired last year as principal at Woodville

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4-H ALL STARS GIVE PROGRAM AT VANDALIA

.VANDALIA - Tulare County All Stars Ann LaPresta, Dawn Hosfeldt, and Pat Leasure presented a slide program "What is 4-H?" at the February meeting of the Vandalia 4-H club. They were introduced by Carla Carter.

Dennis Moench introduced members and leaders from Urbaneers 4-H club who were special guests for the meeting.

The Flag salute and 4-H pledge were led by Gary Laux and Perry Land.

Melissa Brown and Paula Clark directed the group in

singing 4-H songs. Project reports were given by Shannon, Luanne and Suzanne Graves, Paula and Jerry Clark,

Jason and Carla Carter. Community Pride Chairman Suzanne Graves announced that members will assist the Junior Women's club with painting the

trash containers at Bartlett park. Luanne Graves reported on the Farm Equipment show and

the Hi 4-H meeting. Health Chairman Kelly Martin invited members to sign

up to assist with the Heart Fund Mrs. Bill Graves, community leader, announced a Child Care

Training session will be conducted by the Medical Wives. Recreation was planned by Luanne and Suzanne Graves.

Jeff Shelton, assisted by Dennis Moench, prepared a series of judging contests in which all members participated,

Refreshments were served by Suzanne, Luanne and Shannon Graves, Jennifer and Becky Rippee, Jane Hatfield, Robin Williams, Jason and Carla Carter,

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SACRAMENTO - After 12 straight months of decline in the distribution of gasoline from the same month a year before, gallonage finally turned upward in December, according to the state board of equalization. The December 1974 gasoline distribution of 869 million gallons was 6.4 percent more than in December 1973.

SUMMER JOBS

WASHINGTON - An estimated 8,500 boys and girls, 15-18 years of age, will get summer jobs working on conservation projects under the 1975 Youth Conservation corps. Recruiting office in California is: U.S. Forest Service, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco 94111, Att: J. Weddle.

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36,000 Brands Listed In New California Book

SACRAMENTO - Musical notes and question marks, trees and peace symbols, hearts and a r r o w s, p i c k s a n d shovels...these are just a few of the thousands of figures and symbols registered as livestock brands with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Hans Van Nes, chief of the department's Bureau of Livestock Identification, reports there are approximately 36,000 unique and distinctive brands registered in California alone, some dating back to the colorful days of the old west, but still in use by California's \$1.3 billion livestock industry. Each is depicted and described in the department's new Brand Book-1975." "California

The book may be ordered by sending \$15.40 (includes tax) to Cashier, Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Room 140, Sacramento 95814. It may also be purchased at the same address by persons coming directly to the department.

Brands are used to identify and establish ownership of livestock such as cattle, horses, mules and burros and to help protect the livestock owner against loss of his animals through straying or by rustlers.

WINTER SPORTS BANQUET AT MONACHE

PORTERVILLE - Plans are underway for Monache High School's annual Winter Sports banquet, set for Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Monache Campus center.

Student council president Linda Della reports that a potluck dinner will be the main fare, with a program immediately following. Players and their families are asked to bring either a hot main dish, green salad, potato or macaroni

Beverage, bread and butter, and dessert will be furnished. Players are asked to bring enough hot main dish or salad for 16 servings.

Monache student council requests that the following players be responsible for hot main dishes; varsity basketball, JV basketball, frosh/soph basketball, freshman basketball, and soccer. Wrestlers and song and cheerleaders are asked to furnish salads.

NO INCREASE IN MILK PRICE

SACRAMENTO - The Director of Food and Agriculture, Tim Wallace, has announced that the request by the Dairy industry for an increase in the Class 1 price of milk at the producer level would not be granted. His decision was based on the recommendation of the Department's staff testimony given at a hearing on December 16 and 17 of last year, and on present market conditions. Wallace cited the present oversupply of milk, declining feed prices and increases in federal milk price supports as factors which pointed toward no increase at the present time.

KREBS OFFICE IN VISALIA

VISALIA – Congressman John Krebs (D-Fresno) has established an office in Visalia at 210 S. Mooney Blvd., Suite G. Georgia Whitlock of Visalia will operate the office; temporary office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The hours may be changed depending on community needs, it is stated.

The Farm Tribune

MARCH

- 2 Elks Lodge Turkey Shoot, at Antlers
- 4 Monache Winter Sports
- Banquet, Campus Center 4 School Board Elections 8 - County Maid of Cotton
- Selection, Visalia Emblem Club Installation,
- Elks Lodge 19 - American Legion Birthday
- Party 21-Apr. 2 - Jr. Grand National,
- S.F. Cow Palace 22 - Civic Club Luncheon,
- Woodville
- 30 Easter Sunday APRIL
- 1 City Election
- 5 Youth Spring Art Festival 12 Jackass Mail Run 17-18-19 Western Days In
- Porterville 18 - Dist, Dairy Princess
- Contest, Tulare
- 19-20 Springville-Sierra Rodeo,
- Springville 19-26 - Orange Blossom Festival,
 - Lindsay MAY
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Vandalia

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The day will be climaxed by a showmanship contest for individuals and teams with contestants to draw for animals furnished by Vandalia 4-H and Porterville FFA members.

Awards for team and

individual winners will be furnished by California Federal Savings and Loan.

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He will also discuss costs of producing farm products and the effect on the income of farmers.

On the program also will be Farm Advisor John Pehrson,

who will discuss cultural care of citrus groves during the spring and summer.

Thor first came to the University of California in 1959 as an extension economist specializing in marketing; he served on the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics; while on a special

leave of absence from the University he served as administrator of the Farmer Cooperative service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and while in Washington was honored with the USDA's distinguished service award in the field of program administration.

The Exeter meeting is one in a series to keep citrus growers and allied industry people informed on affairs effecting the

citrus industry.
Officers of the Citrus Men's club are: Bob McLain, president; Harry Baker, vice president; and Jim Hurley, secretary.

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